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Dear Sister Edith

we received your kind & interesting letter togeather with picture & your best wishes, & many thanks for same. that is the only picture of that kind of you that we have, so we will keep it. we think it very good of you. Sarah & I received the little Souvenir but we cant decide for what purpose it is intended for any how, many thanks for it & we will keep it of a Souvenier & it will be nice to look at knowing where it came from. and the Bill book will be nice for the same purpose it is certainly nice & a good & dourable one & all of that & many thanks for it. But Edith you know that I am not bothered with so much money that I hafto have

a big pocket book like that to cary
it in. in fact I never cary a pocket
book of anykind, you asked
why it was that things you gave
were always put away & never used.
now I would rather you had not
asked that question for I dident like
to tell you, for Biggars should not
be choosers. & I was afraid it
might offend you but I think
you have got to good a judgement
to allow any little thing like that
to offend you. but now as I have
explained the reason why we will
let it go at that & call it square
& the next time you send a present
of any kind & want it used send
something useful, if it isent nothing
bat an old red hdkerchief & I
will promise you that I will
use it. for in this climate I have
been using 3 & 4 a day.
I have a bad cold that has
been hanging on me all winter but
is just beginning to loosen up a little

I caught my cold while attending
the funeral of one of them fireman
that was killed in the St. car barn
fire.
I hope you & Katie had a Merry
Xmas. & I hope you both will
enjoy a Happy & prosperous New
Year. Give her our love & ask
her why she never writes to me.
tell her I think of her every day
& wonder how she is getting along.
The poor girl seems to be greatly
aflicted with poor health dont
she? I hope she will soon
regain her health so that she may
be able to hold that position
there & how nice it will for you
while both if you can keep togeather.
Edith that Saltsman you asked
about is Leonard Saltsman &
he is married & lives at his old
home in Wellsville Ohio. I havent
seen him for several years.

we are all pretty well excep Mother
L. & she has been & is verry bad
for the last 2 Months from a bad
congested cold & her old trouble
& a little of every thing togeather
she confined to her bed nearly all
the time but Dr. Gifford says she
is doing all right & will be
able to be around before long.
It makes it hard for Sarah
with all of the work to see to.
Our little Charley is a great boy
now he goes up & dow stairs
all by himself & all over the
house & opens & shuts all the doors
& can talk almost as good as
we can. half of the time when
Sarah goes to look for him she
finds him up stairs with his
Grand Mother up on her bed
pounding her & jumping up & down
on her bed & if he is alone with
her when she is drinking her beef
tea or wine he makes her divide

up with him. he tells her that it is his turn to drink or eat & lots of times he will grab things off her tray & eat or drink it before she can get a chance. & since she is sick he wont even kiss her & tells her she haint got no boy. &c.

well for Xmas Sarah & I furnished a nice little tree trimmed with candles, popcorn, & string candy, & different colored glass balls &c. & all of his presents was piled up on the floor beside the tree & I wish you could of seen it, it certainly did look nice & when he came down stairs X. Mas morning (they tell me I ought to of seen him for I wasent there) he stood & looked at it for a little bit & he said I like "dat" & then he went at it & found every thing he asked for & more to. he ditent ask for

but 3 things & that was a gun, a boat, & a little music box that you roll on the floor, but he wanted the gun the worst of all. Sarah & I gave him all of their little toys & his uncle Johny gave him an $8.00 red suit of clothes pants & all & a tie. & he does look nice in it, but we havent put him in pants to stay yet. & Mary gave him a white suit with pants & Emily a Hook & Lader & horses. (he has a fire engine a big time a go) & the rest I forget what they gave him but he was well remembered.. I gave Sarah a globe of gold fish, & she me a Shirt, & the rest of gifts to each other dident amount to much, out side of the Turkeys, big chas. furnished the me for Xmas 22½ lbs. at 22¢ & New Years I blowed myself for a 23¾ lbs. Turk at 20¢ so we had all of the Turkey we could eat. in fact we commenced to feel

like Turkey & act like them.
Emily is getting along nicely in high School from what I can see & judge but she dosent have anything to say about it. so I guess she is.
a wk a go Sat. we had a very heavy snow storm & there is still about 8 inches on the ground & sleighing & skating is fine. the winter is. the steadiest I ever seen here snow on the ground all the time. the coldest was 5 below but I think the worst is coming yet this Mo. & next is always the coldest here & I will be glad when it is all over & the good old Summer time is restored to us. Edith you remember Frank & Charley Smith that used to go to school with us. well Chas, is liveing in the city here & his Father came up to spend X mas with him & they came out to see me a wk. ago today. & they both look the

same as when you knew them.
only the boys look older of course.
he said everything look the same
around Benton as ever. Charley Smith
used to be my Motor Man once in
a while when I was on the St. cars
here. I forgot what he said he is
doing now for they only stayed a
short time. Yes Wilber Browns is
still liveing here but I havent
seen or heard from them for a long
time. the last I heard of them the
had another little Daughter, & he was
still with the Bell Telephone co. & his
Sister Amy is or was also working
for same co. as an Operator & her
Mother had her little girl. I
havent heard from Alice Pike since
you wrote me but isent it sad?
it is now 7 P.M. guess I will finish
tomorrow & then I will call up
Wilber Brown & ask him if they have
heard from Berlin lately & I
will tell you. perhaps I can get some
later news from Alice Pike. good Night.

Monday morning the 11th

well I just called up the office where wilber last worked & they told me that he is not there any more & dident know where he was, so I dont either, unless I try to hunt him up, like I did Jennie last fall, but I failed to find her or even any bod around there that new any such person.

why is it that you abject so to give me "her" or Mothers address I have asked questions often about them both, but that is all the satisfaction I ever get out of it.

Edith we are useing Natural Gas that is piped here from W. Va. & we use it in our big steel range for cooking & like it so far all right. it is only 30¢ pr. 1000 while the other Gas costs 75¢ pr. 1000 lots of people are using it in their furnaces for heating & also for lighting to.

Some day when I get my picture taken I will send you one if you will promise to have it Enlarged & take good care of it, for I am raising a "Full Beard" this winter & they are looking fine. so dont get scared when you see me. Edith was you down to Pasadena New years day to the flower show? one of the fireman in this house has a Sister Inlaw in Los Angeles clerking in one of them big stores & living with her Cousin. What is the Population of Los Angeles Yesterday Johnie got a horse & sleigh & took Sarah & Baby out for a ride & then come back & took Mary out.
Has your wet season started yet? Today is Inaugeration day for Gov. Herick of Ohio at Columbus & it is a bright Sunshiny day & about 20 above Zero. well I must close & get this in the mail. So good by & write soon. hope this will find you & Katie both well ere this

Your Loving Bro. Archie.